UNITED STATES DISTRICT CO	OURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW	YORK

THE LINCOLN LIFE & ANNUITY COMPANY: 08-CV-699 (TCP) (WDW) OF NEW YORK,

Plaintiff,

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H. THOMAS MORAN, II, Court-Appointed: Receiver of LYDIA CAPITAL, LLC,

Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff,

GISONNI; HELEN EVE-LYNN GISONNI; : ZALMAN SILBER, SBH PROGRAMS, LLC; SBH: FREDERICK FINANCIAL; SCHULMAN;: SILBER FAMILY FOUNDATION; STAMFORD: INSTITUTIONAL **FUND** 2005A, LLC:: STAMFORD PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT,: LLC; THE STAMFORD GROUP, INC.; ARGYLE: EQUITY, INC.; DUDZIC LAW FIRM, LLC;: INTERNATIONAL **PARTNERS** FOR LIFE: CORPORATION:

Third-Party Defendants.

THIRD-PARTY PLAINTIFF'S ANSWER TO AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM OF THIRD-**PARTY DEFENDANTS STAMFORD** GROUP, INC.; STAMFORD PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT, LLC; **STAMFORD INSTITUTIONAL FUND 2005A, LLC** 

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Defendant, H. Thomas Moran, II, Court-Appointed Receiver of Lydia Capital, LLC, ("Moran") for his Answer to the Amended Counterclaim (Doc. 113) of Third-Party Defendants Stamford Institutional Fund 2005A, LLC, Stamford Portfolio Management, LLC and The Stamford Group, Inc. (referred to collectively as "Stamford"), avers and states as follows:

- 1. In response to paragraph 1 of the Amended Counterclaim, Moran realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Moran's Amended Third-Party Complaint, as if full set forth herein.
- 2. In regard to paragraph 2 of the Amended Counterclaim, Moran admits that Stamford Institutional Fund 2005A, LLC and Lydia Capital Alternative Investment Fund, LP were parties to an Operating Agreement dated July 20, 2006.
- 3. Moran is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 3; therefore, allegations are denied.
- 4. Moran is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 4; therefore, allegations are denied.
- 5. With respect to paragraph 5 of the Amended Counterclaim, the Operating Agreement speaks for itself. Moran denies, however, that Stamford is entitled to recover under any provision of the Operating Agreement.
- 6. Moran is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 6 therefore, allegations are denied.
- 7. Moran admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 8. Moran admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 9. Moran admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 10. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Amended Counterclaim.

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- 11. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 12. Moran admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 13. In response to paragraph 13 of the Amended Counterclaim, Moran admits that Stamford issued a letter demanding payment. Moran denies, however, that Stamford was, or is, entitled to the amount demanded.
- 14. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 15. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 16. In response to paragraph 16 of the Amended Counterclaim, Moran realleges and incorporates by reference his responses to paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Amended Counterclaim, as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Amended Counterclaim.
- 18. Moran denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 18 of the Amended Counterclaim.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

For its affirmative defenses to the Amended Counterclaim, Moran realleges and incorporates the foregoing allegations of this Answer, as if fully set forth herein, and further states:

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### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Stamford's Amended Counterclaim should be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

# SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Stamford has failed to meet and fully comply with all conditions precedent to seek payment or recovery from Moran.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Stamford's claims are barred by the doctrine of accord and satisfaction.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Stamford's claims are barred by the doctrines of waiver and/or estoppel.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Moran is entitled to setoffs and offsets for any damages sustained by it in an amount of at least Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred-Six & 00/100 (\$339,106.00) Dollars for which Stamford are responsible.

# SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Stamford has failed to mitigate its damages.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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